

# Missionaries Work With Wisdom, Skill, and Dedication

By Jimmy G. McGee,  
East McComb Baptist Church

It was a first-time experience for me, working in a missions adventure in Rhodesia for three weeks. My life and that of my family as well as that of my entire church family has been greatly enriched.

I was excited about the late invitation to participate in this pilot stewardship emphasis. I was even more thrilled about the spur-of-the-moment positive response of my church. They were greatly concerned over terrorist activity but divinely impressed with this unusual opportunity to minister directly in Rhodesia. As in the case of each participant, my church granted the leave and financed the trip.

For 18 years as a pastor, I've been enthusiastic about the Cooperative Program and mission specials. I have participated in missions week at Ridgecrest and Glorieta, in world mission conferences, and in local church mission days. To be on the foreign field, to work with our missionaries and national pastors; and to enjoy the fellowship of Rhodesian Baptists has certainly adjusted upward my missions interest.

Reflecting on missionaries and mission support, I am pleased to be a Southern Baptist! The missionaries with whom I was privileged to work are well provided for. The missionary homes are well situated, attractive, comfortable, and furnished with all the conveniences of our homes. Their salary and benefits are ample for comfort. They have good facilities and tools with which to work. Secure in these things, our missionaries are freed to minister effectively. For all this, I am proud to be a supporter of Southern Baptist Foreign Missions!

Our missionaries are working with wisdom, skill, and dedication. I was impressed with the scintillating personality and obvious preparedness of every missionary with whom I had contact.

Our missionaries work with wisdom in their basic purpose of introducing people to Christ as Saviour and guiding them into maturity. Rhodesia is in

political distress. Missionaries wisely do not side with political movements, nor do they seek to "Americanize" their converts. All is aimed at encouraging nationals to live as Christians in their own environment. To a nearby country where a new political regime is in power, Southern Baptist missionaries are returning because of political neutrality. Some missionaries of other affiliation will not return due to open sympathy with ousted political forces. The purpose of our stewardship teaching was intended to help Rhodesian Baptists assume the financial support of their churches.

Our missionaries work with skill in providing an effective ministry. Some are doctors and nurses who staff our hospital at Sanyati and "flying clinics." Some are educators who teach in the school, grades 1 to 12 at Sanyati and at the Baptist Seminary at Gwelo. One directs the department of visual aids, another the radio ministry, and another is missions treasurer and bookkeeper. Some are general evangelists who assist the national pastors in reaching communities of people with the gospel. Some are lay people, managing the book store, doing maintenance at Sanyati, and secretarial work. All share their experience in Christ in the mission of reaching others.

Our missionaries work with evident dedication to Christ. They are aware of a possible threat of violence and the possible need to get out of the country quickly, but they go about their work with calm and assurance that God is in control. While our families heard U. S. news with alarm, our party of visiting pastors had no anxiety because of the missionaries' calm.

I have mentioned the ample provision we Southern Baptists make for our missionaries. However, you can be sure it cost something to be a missionary in Rhodesia. I visited with Mrs. Dr. Giles Fort at Sanyati, and she mentioned sending her four children away to boarding school at the age of 9. I watched as two missionary families came through the mission guest house in Salisbury where we were staying. It was their last day together with 16-year-old sons before

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Jimmy McGee, pastor of East McComb Baptist Church, gives new collection plates to the pastor's wife at Rugare Baptist Church in Salisbury, Rhodesia. He was one of 16 men to go to Rhodesia from the U. S. to lead in the month-long series of stewardship campaigns. The trip was coordinated through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the men worked with Southern Baptist missionaries and national Baptists. (FMB Photo by Gerald S. Harvey)

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### 'Screaming Demon' Became 'Lamplighter'

ENGLEWOOD, Ohio (BP)—Screaming Demon changed his handle to Lamplighter after he modulated with Friar Tuck.

Friar Tuck is otherwise known as Wayne Nelson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Englewood. The title adopted from the tales of Robin Hood, however, is the 'handle' by which he is acknowledged on CB radio.

Screaming Demon is one of seven persons Friar Tuck has led to a saving faith in Christ after meeting them on the air waves.

Following his encounter with Christ, Screaming Demon felt the handle, Lamplighter, would be more appropriate.

Six of the seven converts have been baptized in the Englewood Church. Another baker's dozen have joined the church as an indirect result of the CB ministry of Friar Tuck. Most of them were members of converts' families.

Nelson regards CB as a vital extension of his outreach and visitation. "I am meeting people in the church community via CB radio whom I would never have found otherwise," he declared.

Friar Tuck has counseled many more who either belong to churches of other denominations, or whom he hopes will join the Englewood church later on.

Nelson arranges over the CB channel to meet individuals in their homes or at a convenient coffee shop to talk about whatever problems they might have.

Personal problems are never discussed over the air, he says, since it has more or less replaced the party-line telephone as a medium for conversation (modulation).

Friar Tuck refers to the Lord as "my boss" in his air-time encounters. "Those who know me already realize I mean the Lord when I say, 'boss,'" he says.

Immediate identification as a preacher would, he believes, spoil his opportunity to develop a rapport with new handles (or broadcasters). "Remember me to your boss" is the way his CB contacts have of saying, "Pray for me."

### Baptist Doctors, Dentists Organize Into Fellowship

ATLANTA (BP) The Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship was organized here as Baptist physicians and dentists from across the nation formally adopted a constitution, elected officers and carried on a first business session.

The fellowship—currently made up of Southern Baptist physicians, dentists, medical students and dental students—will welcome other physicians and dentists who accept Southern Baptist practice and beliefs, a fellowship spokesman said.

Purposes of the fellowship include providing Christian professional fellowship; additional opportunities for sharing, worshiping, ministering and witnessing; opportunities for educational experiences; and additional opportunities for expanded Christian service through mission support of home and foreign efforts, disaster relief and personal involvement in mission service, "as members are led by the Holy Spirit," a spokesman said.

Mississippian Dr. David VanLandingham, is a member of the organization's steering committee and is contacting medical personnel in the state for a local chapter of the Fellowship. He spent two weeks in June operating a clinic in Bangladesh—as did at least two other Mississippi Baptist doctors. Dr. W. W. Walley of Waynesboro went in May; and Dr. Benton Hewitt of Summit, operated the clinic in July. The doctors participated in a Foreign Mission Board program which is recruiting doctors for volunteer service in Bangladesh.

Physicians and dentists interested in the Fellowship may contact Dr. VanLandingham at 1800 N. State St., Jackson, Miss., 39202. His phone number is 969-7720.

Officers elected include Dr. John McCall, physician from Memphis, Tenn., president; Dr. Joe Pipkin, dentist, Orlando, Fla., vice president; Dr. Tim Pennell, physician, Winston Salem, N. C., program chairman; Dr.

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### Outstanding Musicians To Lead 1976 Convention Messengers

By Dr. Jim Keith, Pastor,  
First Baptist Church, Laurel

The time has come for the Southern Baptist Churches of the state to select messengers to represent them at the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will meet in Jackson on November 16-18.

According to the Convention Constitution each regular Baptist Church in Mississippi is entitled to "one messenger for the first hundred, or fraction thereof, of its membership, and one messenger for each additional one hundred members, or major fraction thereof, but no church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers."

These selected messengers, after registering upon arrival at the site of the Convention, Jackson's First Baptist Church, will compose the official body responsible for transacting the business to be considered at the 1976 meeting.

Baptist Conventions are more than business sessions, however, and the messengers participating in this year's gathering will be continually inspired by the voices of many outstanding musicians.

The featured soloist for this 141st session is Jamall Badry. An evangelistic singer from the state of Oklahoma, Badry previously served as guest singer for the 1972 Mississippi Convention.

He has appeared before nine state conventions, and in 1973 he was featured soloist for the Southern Baptist Convention. In fourteen years of full-time evangelism his message in music has become well known through numerous revivals and crusades and the six popular albums he has made. This year's convention will have eight opportunities to hear Badry's inspiring music.

Many excellent Mississippi musicians will be involved in this year's program. Leading in periods of congregational praise will be Tommy Howard, First Baptist Church, Le-

land; Gary Gregg, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg; Jimmy Bilbo, Midway Baptist Church, Jackson; Buddy Casey, First Baptist Church, McComb; Bart Shanklin, First Baptist Church, Corinth; Neil Harris, First Baptist Church, Gautier; and George McFaddin, First Baptist Church, Oxford.

Also the choirs of the First Baptist Church of Leland, and the Alta Woods Baptist Church of Jackson, "The Praise Singers" of the First Baptist Church of New Albany, the Men's Quartet of the First Baptist Church of Lumberton, "The Talking Hands" of the Deaf Church in Jackson, and The Temple Belles of the Temple Baptist Church of Hattiesburg will be contributing to the worship experiences at the convention. The Convention instrumentalists will be Mr. Robert Lee, organist and Mrs. Frank Hart, pianist for the First Baptist Church of Jackson.

The Order of Business Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention encourages the churches of the state to select the appropriate number of messengers soon, publicize the purpose, program and personalities of this year's gathering and extend the invitation for all to come and share in this significant and inspiring moment. We will meet in Jackson in four weeks!

(Dr. Keith is a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Committee on Order of Business.)

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in its October meeting accepted the retirement of Elmer Howell, for 17 years director of the MBCB's Brotherhood Department, and elected his replacement.

Howell will retire Jan. 31, 1977, and on Feb. 1 Paul Harrell, for 11 years Howell's associate in the department, will become director.

Howell who opts to retire at 65, instead of continuing for another year at the Convention Board's invitation, says he decided 20 years ago to quit at 65. "We'll move to our family farm in Tylertown, raise cattle and do some gardening," says Howell. He and his wife, Eunice, a retired public school teacher, have a 135 acre farm with 72 head of purebred polled hereford cattle.

He will be available in supply preaching, interim work, "and I'll

take an active part in associational work," he adds.

A native of Tylertown, Howell graduated from Mississippi College and earned the master of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary. He served pastorates at three First Baptist Churches: Foxworth, and Cen-

treville, Miss., and Throckmorton, Tex.

After two years as director of missions for Mississippi Association, he joined the Brotherhood Department staff as Royal Ambassador leader. Three years later he was elected director.

Paul Harrell, born in Rankin County and reared at Sand Hill, Miss., is also a graduate of Mississippi College and earned the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Prior to his coming to the MBCB, Harrell served Mississippi churches as minister of education for First Baptist, Louisville, and Highland Baptist, Meridian, and was minister of education and music for Bethel Baptist, Poplarville.

He is married to the former Sarah Ann Maurer of Memphis, Tenn. They have three children.



Howell and Harrell

ing that "We, together are involved in the same thing—the betterment of mankind and peace for the world, but by different means."

Goulding related the story of the meeting to the group of Mississippi religious leaders. "A friend of mine at the same table told the man, who is an atheist and a communist, that Christians believe we have an extra that makes all the difference—'We are taught that we should love our enemies.'"

The man quietly responded, "Would you tell me, who are your enemies?" Goulding told the group, "You can't answer that with your knees under a table hot as that one."

Goulding appeared before an audience of 500, gathered to honor three of its own for outstanding service to the religious community: Dr. William P. Davis, Dr. T. B. Brown, and Mr. Robert L. Eselle, Jr. The MRLC includes members from 11 denominations.



W. F. Davis was among the recipients of leadership awards during the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Leadership Conference.

Goulding, said that since two-thirds of all Baptists live in socialist countries, he spent as much time with them as possible. He told the group that the man should have asked, not what do Christians mean by our enemies, but what do we mean by love. "God has made it abundantly clear that love is striving for the highest good for all men at all times."

He said that 60 years ago England had churches as full as those in the United States. "Today in the United Kingdom, four and a half percent of the population live in socialist countries."

He cited the industrial revolution out of which evolved a "soup kitchen religion" and the anti-establishment movement in England as reasons for the decline in worship attendance. He said in many countries people are forbidden any kind of Sunday school or age-group meetings except the basic gathering together. "But today in Poland, 84 percent of the population is in a worship service every Sunday. THE U. S. ranks second to that. It's important to the world that you retain that strength."

In a later interview Goulding explained some of the ways his newly created position with the BWA will help Baptists retain or regain their strengths. He said there needs to be developed an evangelistic lifestyle, "a strong emphasis on Bible study leading to an application of the Biblical truth into the workaday world."

He said that evangelism needs to be church based. "Nobody thinks of giving."

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### Joint Committee Names Hastey, Plans Tax Talks

WASHINGTON (BP) The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs elected a black pastor as its chairman and voted to sponsor a religious liberty conference on the taxation of churches in its semiannual meeting here. It also elected Stan L. Hastey to an executive position.

Charles G. Adams, pastor of the Hartford Avenue Baptist Church of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Detroit, was elected chairman. He succeeds Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta.

Other officers elected were Elizabeth J. Miller, secretary, division of social ministries, American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., first vice-chairman; Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, SBC Woman's Missionary Union, second vice-chairman; and K. D. Hurley, executive secretary, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, secretary.

The Committee elected Hastey as associate director in charge of denominational services.

Hastey, who has served in the post in an interim capacity for about a year, fills a position previously held by James M. Sapp, now director of the division of communications of the Home Mission Board.

The new director of denominational services came to the Baptist Joint Committee in 1974 as assistant to W. Barry Garrett, director of information services. Garrett's new assistant is Carol B. Franklin, a recent graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville.

Hastey will continue as news reporter and analyst of the U. S. Supreme Court for the Baptist Joint Committee, in addition to his new duties. He is the son of Southern Baptist missionaries

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### Howell Announces Retirement; MBCB Elects Harrell Director



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and grew up in Mexico. He was graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and earned his doctor of philosophy degree at Southern Baptist Seminary in 1973.

The Baptist Joint Committee last sponsored a religious liberty conference in 1972. Fifteen such conferences have been held.

The 1977 conference, Oct. 3-5 in Washington, D. C., will deal with "Taxation and the Free Exercise of Religion." In 1960, the subject of the conference was "Churches and American Tax Policy." Government policy on taxation of churches is again a rising problem and a new study of the issue is needed, in the opinion of the committee.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director, announced the publication of "Baptist and the American Experience," a compilation of essays presented to the National Bicentennial Convocation sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee in January of this year.

The book, examines the role of Baptists in the making of the nation and in the struggle for human rights and religious liberty.

## Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



**Minneapolis (BP)** — To free its constituency from excessive costs in the funeral industry and to serve families wanting to bury loved ones according to strict Jewish law and tradition, a synagogue here was arranged to handle deaths on its own. (The survivors pay only for the plot and opening and closing of the grave.)

**Washington, D. C. (RNS)** — The U. S. Supreme Court has declined to reconsider its July 2 decision which upheld death penalty laws in Georgia, Texas and Florida.

**New York (RNS)** — At least 28 filled and 10 unfilled positions are being cut from the United Presbyterian Church payroll because of projected budget reductions. Chief reason for the reduction of the 1977 budgets to \$28.3 million from the \$31.8 million for 1976 is a projected decline of almost \$2.5 million in congregational giving for UPC national and overseas projects and activities.

**Washington (BP)** — U. S. Rep. Donald M. Fraser (D-Minn.) and the Subcommittee on International Organizations which he chairs continues to investigate alleged Korean CIA Activity in the United States and possible connections with Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church.

**Honolulu (BP)** — The first dialogue between Southern Baptists and Buddhists was held here under joint sponsorship of the Hawaii Baptist Convention

and the Honpa Hongwanji (Buddhist) Mission. The dialogue drew about 60 participants—half Baptist, half Buddhist—to the day-and-a-half meeting, held in one of the temples of the Buddhist Mission and in Nuuanu Baptist Church in Honolulu.

**New York (RNS)** — The American Bible Society has announced that the Good News Bible, a major new translation of the Bible in English, will be published Dec. 1. The Good News Bible completes a project which began with the publication in 1966 of the Today's English New Testament, Good News for Modern Man. More than 50 million copies of Good News had been circulated since 1966.

**Washington, D. C. (RNS)**—Religion, living a moral life, working to change society and money ranked low among "personal values," according to a survey of 1,000 basic trainees made at the Air Force's Lackland Training Center in Texas.

**New York (RNS)**—A "guide to non-sectarian interpretation of the Bible" has been published by Westminster Press for the Division of Education and Ministry of the National Council of Churches.

**Moscow (RNS)** — Moscow Jews were allowed to celebrate in the street outside the Moscow city synagogue after the Jewish Rosh Hashanah service on Sept. 24. Western newsmen reported. In 1975, police prevented the street celebration.

# Mississippi Contributes To Seminary Extension Records

**NASHVILLE** — Mississippi contributed 464 students, 581 course enrollments and 18 extension centers to the all-time record statistics in the 1975-76 academic year of the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries. Mississippi was in the top four nationally in all categories.

During the past year, the Seminary Extension Department totaled 8,449 students, 11,750 course enrollments, and 292 extension centers throughout the United States, and has shown large

## Johnson Elected Foundation Head

**NASHVILLE (BP)** — Hollis E. Johnson III, a Nashville banking executive, has been elected executive secretary - treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation here, succeeding Kendall Berry, who retires Dec. 31.

Johnson, 41, will join the Foundation staff Nov. 1 as executive secretary-treasurer elect to work with Berry during his last two months as chief executive officer, according to D. Frank Cole, president of the Foundation's board.

A native of Nashville, Johnson has been employed at First American National Bank for 17 years and is currently a vice president and trust officer and manager of the bank's investment management division.

He is active in church, civic and professional affairs, serving as an investment advisor for four years for the Southern Baptist Foundation, member of the board of directors of the Nashville Society of Financial Analysts, Sunday School director for Belmont Heights Baptist Church, coach of third and fourth grade football at Franklin Road Academy, and as a member or director of several civic and professional organizations.

Past responsibilities have included serving as president of the Nashville Area Junior Chamber of Commerce and commissioner of Knoxville Baseball in Nashville.

After graduating from Vanderbilt University in 1956, Johnson served in the U. S. Navy and then joined First American Bank.

## BWA Executive Meets State Religious Leaders

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ing birth to a baby and putting it in a refrigerator—if a church is not geared to receive a convert, the same result will take place."

Goulding said that the Billy Graham crusade in England several years ago produced "a great many inquirers. But many churches did not know how to receive them and we lost them."

The Division, which grew out of the BWA meeting at Stockholm last year, will "serve as a catalyst for bringing together new as well as well-tried programs in evangelism and education wherever they may be of use," said Goulding.

One effective role of the BWA in socialist countries said Goulding, is in

The Baptist Film Center located at the Baptist Book Store in Jackson has moved to Memphis in order to improve delivery through the mail.

The new address is 3349 Winbrook, P. O. Box 181121, Memphis, TN.

## Council Explores Family Relations

The Mississippi Council on Family Relations will hold their annual meeting in Jackson at the Holiday Inn Med Center on Thursday, November 4, according to J. Clark Hensley, president. Sarah Frances Anders, chairperson, Department of Sociology, Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana, will be the principal speaker. Anders will bring two addresses—one, "The Changing Role of Woman and Some Effects on the Family" and the other, "The Future of the Family." Jeanne Forrester of Pascagoula is the program chairman.

Mississippians interested in the family are encouraging to participate in this one-day meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. and adjourning at 3:30 p.m.

## Church Closes In Laos; Warns Thai Christians

**CHACHEUNGSAO, Thailand (BP)**—The Laotian government has followed through on its warning that a Baptist church here would be closed.

The church held its final services, including communion, the day before the government's deadline date for closing, according to Maxine (Mrs. Robert) Stewart, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. "The next morning government officials took over the building for other purposes," Mrs. Stewart reported.

"This move on the part of the government is not unexpected," commented William R. Wakefield, the

growth percentages.

Nationally, students went up 26 percent over 1974-75 and 70 percent over 1972-73, course enrollments increased 30.7 percent over 1974-75 and 68.5 percent over the past four years (since 1972-73 year), and extension centers rose 26.9 percent over last year and 40 percent over the past four years.

During the 1974-75 year, Mississippi had 311 students, 377 course enrollments and seven centers. Four years ago, the state convention contributed 203 students, 252 course enrollments, and eight centers.

A breakdown nationally shows 6,689 students and 9,735 course enrollments in extension centers and 1,760 students and 2,015 enrollments in home study. Mississippi had 428 students and 528 course enrollments in centers and 36 students and 53 course enrollments in home study.

North Carolina and Texas ranked one-two in all three categories. North Carolina recorded 1,229 students, 1,904 course enrollments, and 46 centers, and Texas had 991, 1,671, and 24 respectively.

Others in the top five included Florida, third each in students (490)

## Church Tax Exemption Crisis Looms

**SILVER SPRING, Md.** — "Abuses of tax privileges by religious and other organizations could well bring on a widespread tax rebellion and the collapse of existing tax exemption policies," according to Andrew Leigh Gunn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

"The ordination into the so-called Universal Life Church of many hundreds of residents of the Catskill Mountains community of Liberty, N. Y., recently could be the 'shot heard round the world' of such a tax revolt," Gunn added. "The amount of tax exempt property of Sullivan County, N. Y., leaped from 15% in 1968 to 42% in 1974, and is still increasing. Local taxpayers, 'ordained' by Universal Life Church mail-order 'Bishop' George McLain, a local plumber, are threatening to try to remove their property from the tax rolls unless the

state legislature acts to put reasonable limits on tax exemptions and thereby relieve taxpayers of increasingly intolerable burdens.

"Religious tax exemptions," Gunn went on, "are an extremely complex affair. They apply to federal and state income taxes, and state and local sales and property taxes. Policies vary widely from state to state. Involved in exemption policies are properties used for worship, education, health and welfare projects, recreation, and summer camps, and income from donations, sales, lotteries, stocks and bonds, and businesses. According to a recent book, *The Religious Empire*, by Lowell and Larson (Robert B. Luce Co., 1976), total tax exempt wealth of religious organizations exceeds \$117

billions and total religious organization income from all sources tops \$20 billion.

"The Supreme Court ruled in the *Walz* case in 1970 that religious organization tax exemptions are neither required nor prohibited by the U. S. Constitution's First Amendment, but are a matter of social policy to be decided by citizens and their elected lawmakers," the religious liberty group's director pointed out. "While government may not involve itself in religious matters, attention to abuses of religious tax exemptions must be paid by legislators, citizens, and religious leaders before overtaxed wage-earners and property owners rebel and force through drastic changes. Time may be running out."

**Half of N.Y. Town Ordained To Qualify For Exemptions**

**HARDENBURGH, N. Y. (BP)** — To combat rising taxes, half the residents of this Catskill Mountains town have been ordained so they can qualify as tax-exempt clergymen.

The town's 236 residents resorted to this unusual tactic to attract the attention of the State Legislature to the fiscal pressure in their community that has caused their taxes to go up by three and four times in the last six years.

Citizens of Hardenburgh are serious about their move, but they also see the funny side of their actions. They frequently address each other as "Reverend."

**Action!**

In January of this year the Bay Vista Church, Biloxi, Allen Stephens, pastor, participated in ACTION and experienced a 50% increase in Sunday School enrollment.

This past Sunday, 8 persons from the Bay Vista Mission along with 10 persons from the sponsoring church, conducted ACTION enrollment. The Mission had an enrollment of 51 and 55 persons were enrolled on Sunday afternoon bringing the total enrollment to 106. This is a 100% increase and Rev. Stephens states that the enthusiasm of the people had been in a state of decline but now the enthusiasm has reached a great height because of the ACTION Enrollment Plan.

This situation serves as a challenge to all of us to consider ACTION and make it a plan for enrolling people in Bible study.

**International Students**

**Meet Nov. 5-7 At Garaywa**

The annual International Student Conference will be held Nov. 5-7 at Camp Garaywa with program person-

nel including a biochemistry teacher, a minister of counseling and a recording artist who is a Baptist campus minister.

The conference, which includes a presentation of basic concepts of Christianity, is co-sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's departments of Student Work and Woman's Missionary Union.

Last year's conference drew more than 200, which is nearly one-quarter of the estimated 850 international students studying at Mississippi colleges and universities. There were students from 33 countries and 13 religious faiths in the group.

Program leaders are Dr. Lynn Ste-



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they boarded a jet for America.

For 2½ weeks I was in the company of, and under the supervision of, two of the most gracious Christians I know. Missionaries Carroll and Jackie Shaw have been in Rhodesia for 16 years. They have two lovely daughters. Carroll Shaw is general evangelist in the Salisbury-Karoi areas. They are a credit to Christ and Southern Baptists and were largely responsible for my seeing the wisdom, skill, and dedication of our missionaries in Rhodesia.

**"Send A Missionary: Your State Paper!"**

By James O. Teel, Jr., Assistant Director Cooperative Program Promotion Stewardship Commission, SBC

Stop the mill! If your church hasn't voted the annual budget there is still time to act! Do your church a favor. One way to increase the church income is make sure every family receives the state paper.

It just stands to reason. Fifty percent of Southern Baptists don't give anything to support their churches. They probably never go to church, either. So they aren't there to hear all that good preaching. But if the state paper goes to their house they will hear the message. They will see the need, they will know of the action taking place. They will see what God is doing.

And they will respond. Maybe not this month. Maybe not this year. But that Gospel seed once planted in their lives will respond to the knocking, to the nudging, to the reminders that keep pounding on them out of the state paper. And they will be reminders of your love. You didn't forget them. You didn't desert them — even when they copped out. And love

## Doctors Organize

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Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., service chairman; Dr. John Bryan, physician, Bluefield, W. Va., finance chairman; and Harold E. Hurst, associate medical consultant for the Foreign Mission Board, as executive secretary.

## Congress Pressures USSR To Release Georgi Vins

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**WASHINGTON (BP)** — The 94th Congress, for the first time in history, passed a resolution asking the Soviet Union to honor its constitution and its international agreements relating to religious liberty.

Specifically, the Congress asked for the release of imprisoned Baptist minister, Georgi Vins, and that all other Christians and religious believers in Russia be allowed to worship God freely according to their own consciences.

Introduced by U. S. Rep. John Buchanan Jr. (R-Ala.) and co-sponsored by one third of the members of the House of Representatives, the resolution was earlier approved overwhelmingly and sent to the Senate. The measure reached the floor of the Senate on the closing day of the 94th Congress, under the leadership of U. S. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) and co-sponsored by Senators Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), Clifford P. Case (R-N.J.), and Ted Stevens (D-Ala.).

Congressional leaders are continuing in consultation about ways and means to present this resolution to the government of the Soviet Union and to exert the pressure of world opinion on the Russians.

The Congress has previously approved resolutions on behalf of Soviet Jews and intellectuals who have undergone oppression because of their political and religious beliefs.

Vins, secretary of the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (CCECB), a dissenting group numbering about 100,000, is serving a 5-year sentence at hard labor. He was convicted for religious activities which, in the United States, are considered routine duties of a minister, according to observers.

Congress selected Vins "as a symbol of the denial of basic human rights by the Soviet Union" in order to dramatize the difficulty that free thinkers and dissenters, both religious and intellectual, face in Russia.



## MBCB Gets Missionary In Residence

Southern Baptist missionaries to North Brazil, Edd and Freda Trott are spending their furlough in Mississippi. Trott, who has been executive secretary of the Paralela Baptist Convention, for the past eight years, is currently missionary in residence at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board attached to the Stewardship Department.



# Baptist Agency Opposes Public Programs For TM

WASHINGTON (BP) — Transcendental Meditation (TM) is a religion, and, as such, should not receive public funds or be promoted by public programs, according to a policy statement by a Baptist agency here.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs said that TM embodies both transcendent values and engages in ritual practices which are widely recognized aspects of religion.

Because of the religious nature of TM, the committee pointed out "that advocates and adherents of TM should be afforded all First Amendment guarantees enjoyed by other religions, but should be subject to the same limitations imposed by the 'No Establishment Clause' of the First Amendment."

This action is in harmony with a resolution passed by the 1976 session of the Southern Baptist Convention. The SBC statement on TM asserted that "the No Establishment Clause of the First Amendment forbids government sponsorship, financial support, or active involvement with religion by whatever name called, by whomever conducted, and by whatever means propagated, and requires government to observe a posture of strict neutrality which neither advances nor inhibits religion."

## "One Nation Under God"

In other actions the Baptist Joint Committee heard staff reports on "One Nation Under God," trends toward silent prayer and meditation in public schools, Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, and CIA use of missionaries.

"Perhaps no single phrase in our national liturgy is used more often to describe the nature and destiny of America than 'One Nation Under

God,' James E. Wood Jr., the joint committee's executive director, declared in his report. "At the same time, no phrase is used more often to mythologize and sanctify this nation before the world—whether right or wrong, good or bad, just or unjust," he said.

Every nation is "Under God," the Baptist executive pointed out. However, he said, "unfortunately, the phrase, 'One Nation Under God,' has also come to be used as a basis of American nationalism. As such, it stands always as a potential threat to the free exercise of religion and the separation of church and state."

"It may well be that the most important problem confronting the church in our public life today lies in the widespread use of religion for political purposes," Wood continued. "God and religion are not national resources which our nation can possess or contain within our national life; nor is God some national resource we can harness or use to serve our 'national interests.'"

The churches must insist on the exercise of "the prophetic role of religion," he said. "The Baptist Joint Committee does not exist to serve the national interests of either the United States or Canada, but rather to give authentic Christian witness to matters affecting public policy, as the exercise of our religious liberty."

## Prayer in Public Schools

In a report on silent prayer and meditation in public schools, W. Barry Garrett, director of information services for the Baptist Joint Committee, reported a slackening effort in Congress for a constitutional prayer amendment but a rise on the state level to provide for periods of silent

prayer and meditation in public schools.

Nearly 30 states have undertaken steps or are in the process toward some action that will get religion back into the classroom, according to Garrett's study. It has been reported that 15 states have taken some kind of action, most of which are variations of the silent prayer and meditation periods.

In his report on the Unification Church, Garrett scored the "Moonie" movement as heretical and sub-Christian and urged the churches to educate their members about the true nature of this new religion. However, he insisted that Baptists should be alert to defend the right of free exercise of religion on the part of the followers of Sun Myung Moon.

In spite of the strong reactions against the Unification Church, Garrett pointed out that so far the courts have not ruled that the practices of the Moonies violate the U. S. Constitution and that the Internal Revenue Service has not yet changed its tax status as a religion.

## Seminar For Workers With Internationals Set

NASHVILLE — A total of 225,000 international students representing 175 countries are currently enrolled in American colleges and universities according to Rollin DeLap, consultant in international work, national Student Ministries, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The increasing number of international students has led lay persons, church staff members and directors of student ministries into becoming involved in ministry to internationals, DeLap said.

An upcoming training opportunity for workers with internationals, "Working with International, students," is scheduled Nov. 1-4 in Nashville. This conference is for student workers or those persons interested in beginning a ministry to international students.

In addition to DeLap, the seminar will feature Jack Burke from the University of Houston, who is a foreign student advisor there; and Glenn Ingleheart, director of the department of interfaith witness at the Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Darrell Wood, editor of Sunday School materials at the Sunday School Board, also will be on the program.

Programs to be explored include

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## Who Was Margaret Lackey?

Since Mississippi Baptists observed the State Mission Week of Prayer in September and since they have been giving their money for the Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering, many have asked, "Who was Margaret Lackey?"

Margaret McRae Lackey was the first person to be employed as executive secretary of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. Corresponding secretary was the name of the job then. She was elected April 1, 1912, and served in that position for 18 years, until the end of 1930.

Miss Lackey was born in Copiah County, Mississippi, on October 24, 1858, which means that she was 54 when she became the state WMU leader and 72 when she retired.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Lackey, she was fifth in a family of nine children. At 12, she was baptized into the membership of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church, Copiah County—a church built on a corner of her father's farm.

Observance of State Mission Week of Prayer was inaugurated

in 1917, and September was the month chosen for the observance. Program material then was scarce, leadership was undeveloped, roads were poor. There were no radios and few telephones. Yet Miss Lackey had a vision of what might be accomplished through the organized efforts of women in the churches. When the needs were presented, the call did reach hearts—and purses. That year for the first time the Mississippi WMU very nearly reached their suggested "apportionments."

In 1938, ten years before Miss Lackey's death, the special offering for state missions was named the Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering.

Miss Lackey was the author of several mission study books — *Laborers Together*, *From Strength to Strength*, and *A Decade of WMU Service*. She liked to write poetry, and at least one volume of her poems was published. It was titled *Mistletoe and Moss*. She ministered widely through intercessory prayer.

After her retirement in 1930, she in February, 1931 became hostess at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson. Someone said that many hospitals had everything the one in Jackson had, except Miss Lackey. "She was a comforting spirit to multitudes as she lived in the hospital as hostess as long as her strength would allow," wrote Dr. A. L. Goodrich, in a Baptist Record editorial.

She died in Jackson June 5, 1948, a few months before her 90th birthday. The funeral was at Calvary Church, Jackson, where Miss Lackey had been a member. Dr. Claud Bowen, pastor, was in charge, assisted by Dr. Douglas Hudgins and Dr. W. A. Hewitt. Interment was at Cedarlawn Cemetery.

Miss Edwina Robinson, later to be executive secretary of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, said of her: "She had faith in what women could do and a vision of the part which women are bound to play in the kingdom work. That faith and that vision she worked into the program of WMU of Mississippi."



Everyone seems to want what the Joneses have, including Southern Baptist Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Sellers. Both families were appointed to missionary service last year and both have experienced delays because of slow processing of visas permitting them to live in Indonesia. But the Coy W. Jones Jr. family was granted theirs recently and they were able to attend mission meeting. The Sellerses attended the meeting too, but as tourists on their way to temporary mission assignments elsewhere. (FMB photo by Everley Hayes)

## Missionary Couple Enters Indonesia After Visa Delay

BANDUNG, Indonesia—What do Southern Baptist Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Coy W. Jones Jr., have that the Robert P. Sellers do not have? Indonesian visas.

Both couples were appointed to missionary service last year. Both have been delayed in moving to the field by slow processing of visas permitting them to live in Indonesia, according to William N. McElrath, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

The request from the Jones family was granted just in time for them to be in Indonesia to attend the recent annual mission meeting. Rob and Janie Sellers came to the meeting, too, but only for a few days as tourists. They were on their way to temporary mission assignments elsewhere.

Visas for three other couples—the Gerald W. Pinkstons, the John F. Ingoufs and the James M. Gayles—have also recently been granted.

Currently, there are 114 missionaries assigned to Indonesia, nine of which are still waiting for visas, according to William R. Wakefield, the Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Southeast Asia.

After language study, the Joneses

will be agricultural evangelists on the island of Sumatra. The Sellerses, when prayers are answered and visas come through, will do youth evangelism in Indonesia.

The Joneses are natives of Georgia. Sellers is from Florida and his wife is an Oklahoman.

## November 15: Day of Emphasis On Brotherhood

The day of special emphasis for Mississippi Brotherhood work will be Monday, Nov. 15, according to Elmer Howell, state Brotherhood director.

Features for the day will be afternoon conferences dealing with mission study, the Brotherhood banquet, and the Baptist Men's Conference that night. The three sessions, held annually, will be at Broadmoor Church in Jackson, said Howell.

## "Country Crossroads" To Offer Country Music Birthday Calendar

A country music calendar, listing birthdays of more than 500 country singing stars and the dates of major Country Music Association events, is being released this year "by popular demand."

It will be offered in October on "Country Crossroads," a half-hour radio show featuring the best in country music, Christian testimonies from country stars, and co-hosts LeRoy Van Dyke, Jerry Clower, and disc jockey Bill Mack of Fort Worth.

"Country Crossroads," produced and syndicated by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, is heard on 594 radio stations in this country and offered around the world by the American Forces Network.

The birthday calendar, offered to mark the show's seventh anniversary on the air, was first offered in 1976.

Response was immediate. The 25,000 copy original run was quickly exhausted. Additional copies were printed. A total of 75,000 calendars were mailed to "Country Crossroads" fans.

"Each person who asked for a calendar also received a brochure saying God has a better way for his life, telling how to become a Christian, and encouraging involvement in the church of his choice," said Jim Rupe. Rupe produces the show for the Baptist agency.

The 1977 "Country Crossroads Birthday Calendar" will be a four-color edition introduced by Grand Ole Opry star Minnie Pearl. "I remember when 'Country Crossroads' began in 1969 on 35 radio stations, and here it is seven years later on 594 stations all over the country," she marveled in her tribute to the show.

A highlight of the calendar will be color pictures of industry awards the program has won, as well as a rendition of the prayer, "Slow Me Down."

## Baptists Survey Ecuador Quake Site

QUITO, Ecuador (BP) — Relief needs for the province of Cotacachi, shaken by an Oct. 5 earthquake, can be met without the immediate aid of Southern Baptists, according to Southern Baptist missionaries.

Missionary James P. Gilbert went immediately to the site of the earthquake's epicenter, the town of Pastocalle, and confirmed the damage reports made by State Department officials.

W. Eugene Grubbs said both the acting ambassador to Ecuador and the missionary report fewer than 10 people were killed and that food and water supplies are ample. Homes, housing 6,000 to 7,000 people, were damaged by only in rare instances did a roof or wall cave in, said Grubbs, the board's disaster response coordinator.

The U. S. Agency for International Development is standing by to ship tents if there is a request from Ecuadorian officials.

Grubbs said that if Southern Baptists become involved it will be at a later time to rebuild homes. "The important thing," he said, "is Southern Baptists were there and knowledgeable about conditions if they had been needed."

## Christian Life Conference To Be At McDowell Road

The Rev. Tom Elliff, pastor, Eastwood Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will lead a Christian Life Conference

October 21-23 at the McDowell Road Church, 1020 McDowell Road, Jackson. Rev. Elliff has spoken several times to leaders in the Baptist Building and recently led a conference at Lake Tiak O'khata, sponsored by the Church Administrative Department and the Church Music

Department.

Although it is termed an adult conference, young people will be welcome.

The conference schedules and topics are as follows: Thursday, 7 p.m.—"Truth and Faith"; 8 p.m.—"Praying With Success"; Friday, 9:30 a.m.—"How To Pray For Others" Part I, 10:30 a.m.—"How To Pray For Others" Part II, 2 p.m.—"Dealing With Temptation"; 8 p.m.—"The Pathway To God's Presence"; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.—"God's Place In Your Life," 10:30 a.m.—"Great Spiritual Experiences."

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## CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTORS CONFERENCES

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## Editorials

### Inspiration and Enthusiasm

The annual Mississippi Baptist Convention is one of the most important gatherings held within our state during any year. There could not be a more important meeting than a body of Christian people gathering to discuss the spread of the gospel, and that is what will be happening. And Baptists comprise the largest body of Christian people in the state.

Those factors make the coming convention a highly important gathering.

It will be the 141st annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. As has been the practice since 1938, it will be held in the auditorium of First Baptist Church in Jackson.

The convention does not control the churches or the members of the churches. It is the other way around. The churches send individuals to the convention to determine practices, policies, and procedures for the coming year. The individuals are not delegates, as would be the case if they received instructions from their churches. The term messenger reflects the concept that likely they bear witness of the concern of their churches, but they state their own convictions as individuals as they enter into the decision-making process.

There is a Mississippi Baptist Convention Board that meets between sessions to carry out the mandates of the convention. That board has an Executive Committee. These bodies

do a lot of work between conventions. They handle information and check out questions in order to make convention proceedings more manageable. But they don't make the convention's decisions. Only the convention can do that, and the convention is made up of individuals coming to the annual meeting from every church in the state that decides to send someone.

All this is being put forth in an effort to suggest to churches that it is time to begin thinking of the election of the messengers to the convention. It begins Nov. 16. The usual procedure is to elect those who intend to go. Thought given to the matter earlier, however, might encourage additional people to be a part of the convention.

If one person came from each of the churches in the state, the messenger registration would almost double. The fact that several attend from some churches means that a number of churches do not have any members at all at the convention.

The people who attend will make the decisions. For the most part, those who do not attend will fit themselves into the scheme of sharing as will be determined by the convention. They will lose the inspiration and the enthusiasm of being a part of the decision-making group, however, if they are not involved.

A major decision is the adoption of the \$8.4 million budget. This is a big budget that comes to the convention

after being hammered out by a budget committee and after being endorsed by the Executive Committee and the Convention Board. It represents the tangible means by which the churches affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention are going to share the Gospel of Christ with the entire world during 1977. It is the largest budget ever for Mississippi Baptists, and it reflects a deep concern for a lost and hurting world. It will need the enthusiasm and support of the broad base of Mississippi Baptists.

A new president will be elected. Dr. James Richardson has been president of the convention almost for the entire time the writer has been in the state. He has done a marvelous job in that office, but the president's term is limited to two years by the constitution. This is an important decision to be made. The president plays a major role in the affairs of the convention between sessions.

The attendance at the convention has been good. Last year's meeting was well attended throughout. But so many churches were not represented, and it could have been much better. Pastor, try to be a part of the annual meeting if you possibly can. It would be great, also, if you could bring a lay person or two along with you. They would get a vision of the work that would enhance the efforts of your church for the entire year to come.

## Guest Editorial

### Church Tax Matters

By J. Clark Hensley  
Executive Director,  
Christian Action Commission

Two primary tax matters affecting the churches are (1) the property tax and (2) one involving income tax laws. Churches are presently exempt from tax on income since income usually comes from voluntary contributions, and a church is considered a non-profit religious society or institution.

An individual's contributions are presently permitted as tax deductions when made to institutions, agencies, or organizations qualified for such exemptions under the federal income tax laws. Church contributions normally are so considered.

The state property tax law is the one that affects more of our people. In the recent session of the Legislature, Senator Noblin introduced Senate Bill 2788, which is described as "an act to amend Section 79-11-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, to clarify legislative intent to permit any religious society, ecclesiastical body and/or any congregation thereof to hold and own all houses used for places of residence for its pastors, ministers, bishops and representatives in charge of a district, conference or convention." Presently, the law states "any religious society, ecclesiastical body and/or any congregation thereof may hold and own at any one place, the following real property..." This would be amended to say "at any one OR MORE places..." The places mentioned in the law are:

- (a) Each house or building used as a place of worship, with a reasonable quantity of ground annexed to such building or house.
- (b) The house or houses used as parish house or houses, community house or houses, Sunday school house or houses, or house or houses of a similar nature, as may be reasonably necessary, together with a reasonable quantity of ground thereto annexed.
- (c) Each house used for a place of residence for its pastor, minister, bishop or representative in charge of a district, conference or convention, together with a reasonable quantity of ground thereto annexed.

property. However, it is our feeling that properties that are revenue producing in the sense of profit-making, held and used for such purpose, should be taxed. For example, if a church owned a house or other property and rented it to someone, it should be taxed.

The question has been raised about the validity of the use of church property for church kindergarten and day care services. None of these, to my knowledge, is revenue producing on the sense that they totally pay their own way; but the program is carried on by the church as a spiritual ministry and service to the community. There are those who interpret Section 1 (b) which says that "Sunday school house or houses, or house or houses of a similar nature, or community house or houses" would apply in this case. However, the City of Jackson has not so interpreted it. One church property assessment is being made for a house that is being used for kindergarten and day care simply because they do not have a Sunday School class meeting there on Sunday morning. They could avoid tax by putting a Sunday School class in the house. The church, however, considers the kindergarten and day care as a part of their spiritual ministry and feels that the City of Jackson is attempting to define the spiritual ministry of the congregation by disallowing the exemption. Perhaps a change in the law should spell this out, too, as in the places of residence. It should not be the prerogative of government to define the nature and mission of a church.

We are aware that there are some abuses which make it very difficult for taxing bodies to be both discerning and fair in their appraisal of situations. However, we have not been aware of anything like this in Mississippi, although we hear about it from other sections of the country. We would hope that the next Legislature would clarify the legislative intent in these matters. The concept back of church tax exemption has been that the power to tax is the power to destroy or to control and this would certainly be the case of the above-mentioned situation. The mission and ministry of the church is being redefined by the City of Jackson. However, another primary consideration is the principle of both fairness and church/state separation. Church-State Relations is one assignment to the Christian Action Commission by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the above statements reflect the position of the Commission on church tax matters.

(f) All buildings used for an orphan asylum or institution together with a reasonable quantity of ground used in connection therewith.

(g) All buildings used for a camp ground or assembly for religious purposes, together with a reasonable quantity of land in connection therewith.

(h) Lands for a cemetery or cemeteries of sufficient dimensions.

(i) All buildings and grounds used for denominational headquarters and/or administrative purposes, together with a reasonable quantity of ground annexed thereto.

The change proposed would exempt houses owned by churches and ecclesiastical bodies that are used by ministers other than the pastor, such as ministers of music or ministers of education, when these residences are owned by the church and provided by the church for the minister.

In practice, in the State of Mississippi prior to recent years, all property owned by churches has been taken off tax rolls by most county assessors as the church purchased the

## Book Reviews

### New International Version

The New International Version of the New Testament; Zondervan Bible Publishers, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Paper Back.

The Preface reveals that this New Testament is the first portion of a planned New International Version of the Bible. An international team of more than 100 scholars from a variety of denominational groups is said to have made the translation directly from the Greek. In the back are to be found a subject index, a study guide, an outline on the ministry of Jesus, and some maps.

The Simple Things of the Christian Life by G. Campbell Morgan; Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich.; 128 pages; Paper back; \$1.45.

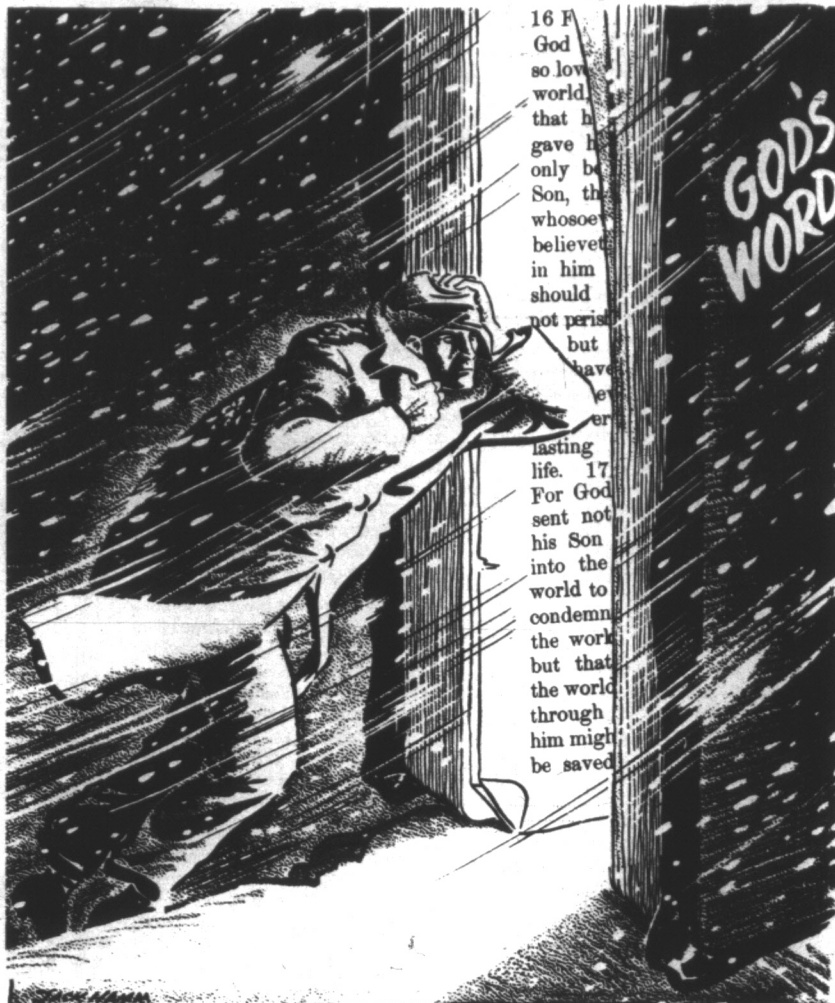
The book presents teachings of the Bible on subjects of the Christian life and growth. The table of contents lists The New Birth, Holiness, Growth, Work and Temptation.

Good News to Change Lives by Gaines S. Dobbins; Broadman Press; 137 pages; Paper back; \$2.50.

This book takes the position that evangelism must have priority in the life of the church because of Christ's commission. It says that evangelism must begin with churchwide appreciation of the good news of the gospel and concern for those who have not received it. It calls for personal outreach on a year-around basis through the Sunday School.

Journey Into Usefulness by James Mahoney; Broadman Press; 162 pages; \$4.95.

This book is a sequel to Journey Into Fullness by the same author. This effort seeks to relate how one's spiritual gifts fit into God's overall plan for one's life. The author takes the position that every Christian is a full-time servant.



Haven In A Storm

### Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Thirty Octobers ago I was a homesick freshman at Judson College in Marion, Alabama. (Now you can guess my age.) The college had a rule that no freshman could go home before the end of the sixth week. When you're really homesick that first time, faces and places that never had seemed particularly important to you suddenly become the most cherished faces and places on earth.

I wrote a letter home every night, my tears smearing the ink, until Daddy decided he'd better come to see me. He had a 1933 Ford, but he couldn't trust it for a 360-mile round trip. He didn't have a suitcase, for I'd brought the family's only one with me. But he bought a bus ticket and he borrowed my grandmother's big metal suitcase. He didn't need to bring many clothes for one night's stay, but Mama packed that suitcase full of cake and cookies and homemade candy, and a new red corduroy suit she had made for me.

When he arrived I was eating supper in the dining hall, at a lower level than the lobby of Jewett Hall. He always said I made those five steps up to the lobby in one long leap. Never before or since have I been so glad to see anyone. He brought me a little gold watch, but it gave me not nearly as much pleasure as the few hours of his company.

Next afternoon I stood forlornly on the curb in the October sunshine, telling him goodbye as he stepped onto the bus with his borrowed suitcase. I guess I looked close to tears, for he turned and called, "Cheer up! You'll make it!" And I did.

When Betty Moore, my roommate from West Virginia, went home with me in November, she gave me her frank opinion,

"Alabama is an ugly state, especially in the winter. You ought to see our mountains."

But to me there was beauty in the unpainted shacks, in fields of drooping, naked cotton stalks. There is magic in the familiar, as well as in the strange. Through the windows of the bus we watched the evening star. Soon twilight blurred the harsh images and softened the darkening silhouettes of the pine trees. To her, the landscape was drab. But to me it was home.

Old Jewett Hall burned the next summer, and was replaced by a magnificent new Jewett. Daddy died five years ago, but when the going gets tough, I think of his words, "You can make it." A part of my heart is still in Alabama, for Mama still lives there on her Chambers County farm.

Home for me now is in Mississippi. As I drive to Clinton at the end of days gradually growing shorter, I watch the splendid sunsets paint the sky, and a cold wind begin to bend the treetops. I'm glad that at the end of the road there is a house that is well-lighted and warm, filled with security and love.

I know that W. D. will be there, and my nephew, Tom Brown, with news about what is going on at Mississippi College, and my two dogs to greet me with never-failing loyalty.

As Robert Louis Stevenson said, "Anyone can carry his burden, however hard, until nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, one day. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, until the sun goes down. And this is all that life really is."

I like the old proverb: "He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home."

## Letters To The Editor

### Keep Government Separate

Dear Sir:

I suppose you're wondering who this letter is from. Well I attend Academy Baptist Church in Tipton County and have been working with children for several years. I have read two of your articles recently, about your concern of federal interference in the field of private higher education and am concerned about it also.

I feel we as Christians should back you in doing all we can in trying to keep our federal government separate from church affiliated schools and church affairs.

I am so thankful we still have people who can see rightly when something as serious as this arises and will try to do something about it.

If this letter can help you in any way then it will have been my privilege in trying.

Mrs. Bayne Gouldlock  
Blue Mountain, MS 38610

### Montana Church Seeks Minister

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in the hope that somehow the Lord might use it to help our church meet a need. We are seeking our first full-time minister of music and youth. The only qualifications are that this person be a seminary graduate and be willing to direct our BSU program here at the University of Mon-

tana. The compensation is somewhat open to discussion.

Just to give you a few facts about Trinity Baptist, we are the only Southern Baptist church in a metropolitan area of 77,000. Our Sunday School averages 120, and our two morning worship services average 150-200. We are adding new members almost every Sunday and expect to start construction in five months for a new sanctuary-educational building complex that will seat 500.

Previously our music and youth programs have been handled by part-time leaders.

I am a graduate of New Orleans Seminary (Jan. 1976) and have been here since May 16. It is a great challenge and a wonderful opportunity. Anyone who feels they might like to consider this position or possibly knows of someone, may feel free to write me, and thank you.

Our Glacier Association voted to start a new Mission here in 1977. So we will be needing a pastor in the near future. If the Lord is leading you, please write me, at my home address:

Larry A. Gleits  
Pastor Trinity Baptist Church  
1610 S. Avenue West  
Missoula, Montana 59801

### Back To The Regular Schedule For Lessons

The Baptist Record is not running the Sunday School lessons this week in order to get back on a schedule of publishing the lessons during the week immediately preceding the Sunday that they are for.

Because of the fact that some subscribers, for awhile anyway, were not receiving their copies of the Baptist Record until Monday, the lessons were scheduled two weeks ahead. This has seemed to cause more confusion than it has helped solve, however, so the change back to the normal schedule is being made.

Readers will not miss a lesson. Next week's paper will carry the lessons for the Sunday immediately following.

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# Baptists Plan Relief For Hurricane Victims

LA PAZ, Mexico (BP) — Southern Baptists are preparing to provide disaster relief assistance to victims of Hurricane Liza which killed some 1,000 persons and left 50,000 others homeless in Mexico.

La Paz and cities on the west coast of Mexico's mainland in the area of Los Mochis, north of Mazatlan, were heavily damaged, according to the United States Agency for International De-

velopment (USAID). The president of Mexico has declared it a disaster area.

Besides the deaths (which involved no Baptists), hundreds of missing persons, and the homeless, La Paz has no electricity and food, according to W. Eugene Grubbs, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's disaster response coordinator. Food is reportedly not immediately available in the area nor is La Paz accessible by overland transportation.

"There are two Baptist churches in La Paz and a strong association of churches on the west coast of Mexico," Grubbs noted. "Dr. Lee Baggett, Southern Baptist representative and the Mexican Baptist Mission's disaster relief coordinator, and two other doctors are making a survey of the situation in La Paz. Wyatt W. Lee, Southern Baptist representative in Mexico, is surveying needs on the west coast.

"They will render assistance as needed and survey medical, food and shelter needs. The board has authorized the spending of \$25,000 immediately. Other funds will be made available as needed," he said.

If food is needed it will be distributed to those in need through local Baptists.

"We are ready to provide anything needed in the way of assistance and have personnel, funds and food accessible and ready to move on notice," explained Charles W. Bryan, the board's area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean.

The Southern Baptist General Convention of California, through its disaster relief personnel and language missionaries, is also on standby, Grubbs said. Baptists in northern Mexico and southern California are ready to provide needed help and supplies.

"We, of course, will not duplicate any other organization in relief efforts," explained Grubbs. "We hope to work in coordination to supply whatever we are called upon to supply."

"The California convention and the Foreign Mission Board have been in contact with the lieutenant governor of California, who has been dispatched to the area by the United States to evaluate needs to offer assistance."

## Prayer Lift For Pastors: Oct. 17-23

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Jack Maroon, Belmont  
Dave Smith, Burnsville  
George Credille, Burton  
W. A. Hamilton, Calvary  
W. L. Oaks, Central  
Oct. 18  
G. D. Jones, Eastport  
Raymond Buchanan, Forest Grove  
Billy Feltman, Harmony Hill  
Charles Dampier, Iuka  
Del Ortnier, Mt. Moriah  
Oct. 19  
Perry Murphy, Mt. Vernon  
Jerry Mitchell, Mt. Zion  
Talmadge White, New Liberty  
E. P. Baldwin, New Prospect  
Jerry Smith, Oldham  
Oct. 20  
R. H. Thompson, Old Union  
Pat Howard, Paden  
Edgar Monroe, South Cross Roads  
Eugene Tension, Tishomingo  
Raymond White, Unity  
Oct. 21  
Stanley McGill, Yellow Creek Mission

### Union

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Lonnie Williams, Bethesda  
David Brooks, Elmo  
Don Wilkey, Jr., Fayette  
Oct. 22  
Charles Tyler, Fellowship  
Tommy Buffin, Hermanville  
Hollis Todd, Pattison  
Robert Carr, Union Church  
Milton Burns, Port Gibson  
Oct. 23  
Charles Tyler, Red Lick  
George Dodd, Shiloh

### Union County

Charles Rogers, Amaziah  
James Wages, Beth Springs  
C. J. Cooper, Bethel

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## October's Party

October gave a party; the leaves by hundreds came—  
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples, and leaves of every name. . .  
The Chestnuts came in yellow, the Oaks in crimson dressed;  
The lovely Misses Maple in scarlet looked their best. . .

—George Cooper

## Indonesia Elects Two From State

The Indonesia Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) recently elected its executive committee. Three of the missionaries to serve this year are (left to right) Jerry A. Rankin, Mississippian, Hazel Clark (Mrs. Thomas O.) Barron, Mississippian, and Hal K. Jacks. The seven-member executive committee makes major policy decisions between mission meetings. Jacks will also be vice-moderator of the mission. Rankin was born in Tupelo and lived in Clinton. Mrs. Barron was the former Hazel Clark of Richton. (FMB photo by Everley Hayes.)

# War In Lebanon Affects Churches

By Frances (Mrs. Wayne W.) Fuller  
BEIRUT (BP) — Fighting, looting, killing—war touches everything, including Baptist churches.

Of the 16 churches and mission points related to Southern Baptist work in war-torn Lebanon, all have lost members by either emigration or temporary departure. Several have suffered destruction and robbery. Five have lost their pastors. Three are not functioning at all, and several have severely curtailed activities.

At the same time, some fellowships are experiencing a deepening spirituality, the growth of lay leadership and a spiritual hunger in their communities. One new meeting place has been opened.

Communication between the cities and villages of Lebanon is poor, but various Baptist communities have gathered some information about each other.

In Tripoli, both the church and the pastor's home have been damaged. The pastor has been threatened with death and never leaves his house. His wife goes out for supplies and church members come to the home for worship together.

The pastor of the Musaitbeh Church has emigrated to the United States and many families have sent their young people out of the area. The church is going on under missionary and lay leadership. Five teenage boys are taking turns preaching in the church each afternoon.

The Ras Beirut Church, which had dedicated a large and beautiful building shortly before the war and was without a pastor at the time, is still meeting on Sunday mornings. A woman member, whose apartment building had been hit by rockets three times, said, "Though we have suffered much, not for anything would I have missed the faith in God we have gained."

In Rahbe, a village in the north of Lebanon, the church building was badly damaged. The young pastor and his bride were robbed at gunpoint, and their remaining possessions were piled up and burned in the house. The young men of the church have left for the sake of safety and only a few

women believers are left in the village. There is no information available concerning the fellowship in Kafr Hebu, a village near Rahbe.

The pastor in Miya Miya, in the south near Sidon, is still present under extremely difficult circumstances. No church services are being held and most Christians have left the village.

In the strongly Muslim Baqa Valley, the churches in both Baalbek and Rayak ceased to function early in the war after the pastor of the two groups was threatened and the Baalbek meeting place looted. The Syrian Army now occupies the valley and in many respects life has returned to normal.

Churches in the rightist-held areas of Beirut and the mountains east of the city have fared better.

The National Baptist Church in Ashrafieh is carrying on successfully under lay leadership since the pastor, who was very ill, departed for the United States.

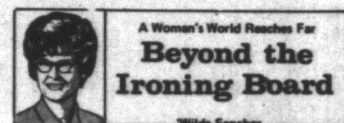
The Badaro Street Church in Furn Es Shebak has been able to continue most of its programs. The pastor recently had one of the narrow escapes now common in Beirut when the balcony on which he was visiting a church member two minutes earlier was destroyed by an unexpected shell.

In Sin Elfil the lay pastor of a mission point sees unusual opportunities to serve people and to build a church in his community.

The same outstanding lay leader is serving the church in Hadath, where fighting has been severe and all of the regular pastor's possessions were taken by looters. The pastor has a child with encephalitis and has taken him to the United States for treatment.

In Bikfaya the pastor is trying to make arrangements to go to the U. S. Four of his seven children have already left. The village of Ain Dara has been surrounded by dangerous territory and practically cut off from the rest of Lebanon for many months. In July, a large number of the church members came out over a little-used dirt road and drove all the way to Jordan to attend a Baptist conference. They reported their church was continuing and healthy.

The pastor, who lives in Jal Adib, is



## Beyond the Ironing Board

Wanda Fancher

Every year when Fall sneaks up and gently blows on our necks with its first cooling breath, I feel strangely warm inside.

It's comforting, somehow—this sameness of things in changes like the seasons.

Every fall the sunshine changes colors, adds a little whiteness to its gold; the sunsets etch themselves in black against the earth; stillness sort of hangs in the air before it moves around lazily; flowers fade on brittle stalks; squirrels scamper down and up tree trunks oftener on foraging and storing missions; dust doesn't seem quite as dusty; rain seems wetter; the leaves turn some kind of color before they turn loose; all God's plants and animals seem to know exactly what to do.

Every fall I feel a sense of security in a changeless God. Why it happens to me in the fall I don't know. For you, it may be that spring is the time when you are most conscious of the power of God and the control that He still has over things. But for me, it is the fall.

Surely it isn't the time that it happens for you or me that is important. That it happens is what is important. That, for you, and for me, there are times when we look at something around us, or feel something in the air, or hear sound on the waves—something that stills us for a while to think about ourselves and our God - to follow the example of the wise squirrel as he stores up what he knows he will need. I could almost hear some of you groan if I were to say that we should use these times to store up "spiritual acorns." So, I guess you'll have to go ahead and groan, because I really can't think of a better example for what I mean.

Because, you know, winter has a way of coming, and everybody needs to get ready for it. But if we have taken for our own some of the strength of God, we can face the winter storm with much the same calmness that a child looks out the window at the blizzard, with the warmth of the fireplace all around him, knowing that the fire will keep burning until the storm is over.

Spring, summer, winter, or fall—that they happen is important.

conducting services there and in Sid El Bashari.

(Mrs. Wayne W. Fuller is a Southern Baptist missionary temporarily stationed in Jordan.)

# Court Refuses To Back Down On Death Penalty

By Stan L. Hasty

WASHINGTON (BP) — During the first week of its new term, the U. S. Supreme Court cleared the way for resumption of the death penalty and took other actions relating to parochial aid, sectarian colleges, church property, discrimination, freedom of speech, and obscenity.

As expected, the high court stood behind its June decision declaring that the death penalty does not violate the U. S. Constitution's ban on "cruel and unusual punishment" and may therefore be imposed by the states on some convicted murderers. The June ruling upheld capital punishment laws in Georgia, Texas, and Florida. At the same time, so-called "mandatory" death penalty statutes in North Carolina and Louisiana were struck down.

Of the nearly 600 inmates currently on death rows in 30 states, roughly half are now subject to execution in the wake of the high court's latest holding. It remains uncertain when executions might resume, although some state officials now say it may be six months or longer.

The court's latest action came about as a result of a technical appeal which is open to anyone who loses his case before the Supreme Court. Immediately after losing last June, attorneys for the convicts who appealed to the court to strike down the death penalty filed a petition for rehearing. The petition was presented to Justice Lewis F. Powell, who in turn presented it to the entire court. As is almost always the case, the justices rejected the petition.

In another action, the justices declined to schedule for oral arguments a case brought by a group of Pennsylvania parents seeking reimbursement for expenses paid to nonpublic schools. Two lower federal courts had already ruled against them.

The parents were seeking removal of a court injunction which forbade Pennsylvania state officials from making payments of \$75 per child enrolled in elementary schools and \$150 per child in secondary schools. Such provision had been written into a 1971 law by the state's legislature but were struck down by the Supreme Court in a 1973 ruling. That case (Sloan v. Le-

mon) declared the law unconstitutional because its "primary effect" was the advancement of religion.

In its action on church property, the justices sided with local members of the Noah's Ark Methodist Church in Georgia, who insisted that their church's hierarchy could not force them to relinquish their congregation's property. Trustees of the local congregation, which has since withdrawn from the Methodist Church, argued that continuing efforts by the general church body to require them to place a trust clause in the deed to the property were illegal.

The high court also refused to overturn a decision by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals which held that the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, of Miami, Fla., may continue to have an all-white, all-Christian membership. The club, which denied in a written statement to the court that it has a discriminatory membership policy, has never had a Jew or a black as a member. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith had urged the high court to take on the appeal. Two of the nine justices, Thurgood Marshall and William J. Brennan Jr., voted to hear the case.

In an obscenity case, the justices let stand a lower court decision that the state of Pennsylvania's anti-pornography law must conform to guidelines set down by the Supreme Court three years ago. At that time, the court held that local communities and states may enact anti-obscenity laws to regulate materials which, when taken as a whole, appeal to prurient interest and do not have serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

## SBC President To Speak In Attala County

Dr. James L. Sullivan, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak at the Monday night session of the Attala Association Oct. 18.

The meeting, beginning at 7 p.m., will be held at the McAdams Church.

Eugene Bailey is moderator of the association, and Dr. W. Levon Moore is director of missions.

## OBU Names

### Interim President

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP) — William E. Neptune, academic vice president, has been appointed acting president at Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) here and a search committee has been appointed to find a replacement for William G. Tanner.

Tanner, OBU's 11th president, who will become executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Jan. 1, joined the Home Mission Board staff, Oct. 1, to work with retiring chief executive, Arthur B. Rutledge.

## Lindsey Chairs Baptist Standard Search Committee

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (BP) — Jim Lindsey, director of university news services for Texas A & M University here, has been named chairman of a five-man committee to select a successor to John J. Hurt, Jr. as editor of the Baptist Standard.

Hurt, a Southern Baptist editor for nearly 30 years, will reach mandatory retirement age next April. He has edited the Baptist Standard, weekly news publication of Texas Baptists, since 1968.

Other members are Joe Pickle, a retired publisher from Big Spring, Tex.; Joe Trull, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Garland; Ed B. Bowles, pastor of First Baptist Church, Beaumont; and Presnell H. Wood, pastor of Park Place Baptist Church, Houston. All are members of the Standard's board of directors.

## World Missions Rally

Three hundred and fifteen men, women, youth and children attended the World Mission Rally at Camp Garaywa September 11.

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AWARD-WINNING BOOK—"We Were There" was named best



# Woman's Missionary Union Special Day Gifts Reach \$26,781.33

January 1, 1976 through September 30, 1976 483 Churches Participating

<b>ADAMS</b> CLIFF TEMPLE FBC NACHEZ WASHINGTON	11.00 57.64 14.00 82.64	<b>GREEN</b> CEDAR GRV FBC MCLAIN	5.45 15.00 20.45	<b>W ELLISVILLE</b> 87.41 791.03	<b>NEW PROSPECT</b> PLEASANT GRV UNION UNION HALL	20.00 45.00 10.00 19.00 469.08	<b>PIKE</b> BALA CHITTO CENTRAL E MCOMB FBC MAGNOLIA FBC MCOMB FBC SUMMIT FRIENDSHIP HCLMESVILLE IMMANUEL NAVILLA OSYKA PROGRESS S MCOMB TERRY CRK	27.25 45.50 64.17 122.00 263.50 38.50 42.00 20.00 10.00 75.00 45.00 20.00 47.55 10.00 308.28	<b>TIPPAH</b> CHALYBEATE FALKNER FELLOWSHIP LOWREY NEH PALMER	45.00 50.00 30.00 155.00 20.00 300.00									
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## Three MK's Make Film For Bangkok Committee

BANGKOK, Thailand — Despite cobras and a little red tape, three MK's (missionaries' kids) recently completed a film for a Bangkok urban strategy committee. Bob Stewart, Jon Hill and Bob Congdon worked on the project most of the summer.

For some of the pictures, the trio had to get special permission, particularly to take pictures of the king of Thailand.

They were also granted special permission to get some shots from the control tower of the Bangkok airport. They decided the permission was worth the delay and the red tape because the tower turned out to be much safer than the runway. During an inspection of the runway, cobras were noted in the wet, grassy areas adjacent to the concrete.

Some of the work was done from a room on the top floor of one of the major hotels in Bangkok, the Dusit

Thani Hotel, and also from the 22nd floor of the Chokechai Building, the tallest building in the city. They took pictures of churches, day care centers, the mission hospital, house churches and slums.

They acted out one section of the film — a robbery scene. Hill directed it as Congdon handled the lighting and Stewart did the filming.

Stewart is the son of Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart of Nebraska and Alabama and Hill is the son of Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Hill of North Carolina.

Congdon is the son of Colorado natives Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred H. Congdon, missionaries currently serving in Oshogbo, Nigeria. He is a missionary journeyman appointed in 1975 to work in the Mass Communications Department of the Thailand Baptist Mission.



## Two Report On Work In Arkansas

Two of Calvary, Tupelo's young women, Tammy Jones and Sherry White, served as summer missionaries in Fayetteville, Arkansas. They worked in Vacation Bible School, back yard Bible studies, park ministries, and many other places of service. On their return they gave a report to the church on their activities expressing how much this mission work had meant to them. They plan to do similar work next summer.

## Advisory Panel For Acteens

BIRMINGHAM (BP)—The Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WU) has instigated plans for an Acteens National Advisory Panel to be composed of six exceptional high school students in the WU's Acteens missions program for girls.

"The Acteens National Advisory Panel will give visibility to the organization and will highlight opportunities for older Acteens in missions," said Beverly Sutton, WU's Acteens consultant.

Panel members will serve the dual purpose of planning for national Acteens programs and officially representing Acteens when possible.

The advisory panel will be chosen from a slate of Acteens nationwide who have submitted applications and who have met the requirements established by WU.

Charter members of WU's Acteens National Advisory Panel will be chosen prior to February 1, 1977, and will serve until December 1, 1977, when a second slate of panel members will be selected.

Other responsibilities of the panel will be serving as hostesses for WU's annual meeting, June 11-14, 1977, in Kansas City, Mo., and perhaps writing for Accent, WU's magazine for girls, grades 7-12.

"We will be involving the older Acteens who are sharp girls actively participating in missions and our 'Student' activities," added Sutton.

Six panel members and three alternates will be chosen from the applications of Acteens who must face rigid requirements for panel consideration.

"Our premise is that girls can plan, without undue guidance, to give suggestions for overall Acteens programming and for the format and content of Accent (which contains application forms for the advisory panel in its October issue.)

The Cooperative Program means cooperation, financial strength and progress. It is working together, to advance the cause of Christ with some assurance of financial stability to the teaching, proclaiming and other related ministries of the Church.—Charles V. Koons.

## Youth Reach Out In Home Mission

By Allegra Brigham  
Photos by Birney Ives III

Young people at the First Baptist Church of Columbus were involved this summer in what may become a significant program in their community—a Backyard Bible Study.

"Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world..." These words, heard so frequently in children's Sunday School classes, have taken on new meaning for

the Baptist youth engaged in leadership roles in the home mission program.

The six-week Backyard Bible Study Program was spearheaded by First Baptist's Associate Pastor Tom Warrington.

"Last year we went to New York and worked in such areas as Spanish Harlem. Then we asked ourselves, 'Why can't we do this right here in Columbus?'" explained the First Baptist associate pastor.



"The program got as much response from our young people as the trip to New York did last summer," continued Warrington.

He estimated that the Backyard Bible Study reached 200 to 300 children each week.

"When you add that up, that's 2,000 people we worked with. That's tremendous outreach," he exclaimed.

Backyard Bible Study included a Bible story related by one of the Baptist young people using illustrations on a folding tablet. Another Baptist youth related a contemporary story explaining how a Christian should react to everyday problems such as how to treat a new kid in the neighborhood.

The group would then sing several familiar Sunday School songs before breaking up to play games. The girls and smaller children played Red Rover while the boys rounded up a game of soccer or football.

Following game time, the children were served snowcones.



Members of the youth group participating generally felt that the program was as beneficial to them as to the children with whom they worked.

Roslyn Bray said, "Last summer the older youth went to New York. We can't afford a trip like that every summer."

Dean Stampley related, "It gives you something to do. We get to make an impression on these kids. We try to do our best."

"I've been on mission trips before, but I think I've had more fun right here," continued 16-year-old Dean as he sat on the steps at the Baptist Mission Center.

Carol Jones explained, "Probably the best part has been just getting real close to the kids. Going to get them and taking them home. Getting to know them as people."

A week in each of five or six areas is a beginning. However, the associate pastor at First Baptist Church is hoping for a program with more far-reaching results.

"I think this has probably been the most meaningful program our young people have ever been involved in," related the program coordinator.

He feels that the initial success of this summer's youth program indicates the need for more programs like it.

He stressed the fact that, although the program had cost very little in terms of money, it did require the commitment of young people who were willing to give of themselves and their time.

Tom Warrington and the youth at First Baptist Church are hoping that the Bible stories, songs, games and snowcones will have brought their message to young children with whom they have worked—"We care."

They are also hoping that the results of this summer effort will have a snowballing effect on other churches and that a truly significant outreach program will result.

—The Commercial Dispatch, Columbus

## Today's Youth



### Summit Choir Sings At Ridgecrest

First Church Youth Choir of Summit made a tour of eight states, stopping in North and South Carolina; Washington, D. C.; Arlington, Va.; and Opryland, Nashville, Tenn. They sang at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina for the Youth Horizons Conference, under the direction of Curtis Brewer.



LEESBURG CHURCH (Rankin) held a "Back to the Fifties" party for their youth. Many "famed and prestigious" personalities performed. The party was held in "The Soda Shop" (activities center) with "Ding Dong Dan The Darling D. J. from Detroit City" acting as master of ceremonies (Pastor Danny Henderson). Performing in the "Soda Shop" was the famous Elvis Parsley (music director C. A. Southerland) along with the "Teen Queens" (Organist Susan Southerland; pastor's wife, Wanda Henderson) Boyd Richey, a student at Mississippi College, also brought many musical selections as he sang and accompanied himself on the guitar. Approximately 20 attended the part in the "Soda Shop."

## Focus Day At MC To Feature Football, Barbecue

Students from all over Mississippi and several surrounding states are expected to converge on Mississippi College Saturday, October 16, for annual Focus Day activities.

The day, open to all high school and junior college students, will carry the theme "Let Us Take You Personally." Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the B. C. Rogers Student Center and a full day of activities will follow. No pre-registration is necessary.

An outdoor barbecue, entertainment by The Naturals and Harvest, Mississippi College's two popular singing groups; informal sessions with faculty and administrators; and a football game will highlight the program.

The football game will feature Mississippi College vs. Ouachita (Ark.) Baptist University in a 2 p.m. contest on Robinson Field. All Focus Day participants will be admitted free of charge.

## Fair Ridge (Jasper) Winners To Get Ice Cream Supper

To make September 26 Promotion Day a memorable event, the Fair Ridge (Jasper) adults challenged the children to see which classes could have a perfect attendance. An ice cream supper for the winners was to be given by the losers.

Three classes of children and youth were in perfect attendance.

Rev. B. H. Evans is the pastor; Grant Kelley is the Sunday school director.

## Youth Celebration Offers Invitation To Mrs. Carter

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Mrs. Rosalynn Carter, wife of Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter, has tentatively accepted an invitation to deliver the keynote address of the 1976 Winter Youth Celebration here Dec. 28-31, at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Larry Yarborough, youth work consultant in the church training department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and coordinator of the four-day celebration, explained

that Mrs. Carter cannot formally accept speaking engagements until after the November election.

If the arrangements are finalized as planned, Mrs. Carter will address the high school youths on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Carter is a native of the small town of Plains, Ga., which has grown to national prominence along with the popularity of its best known citizen. She has been very active in her husband's campaigns for the governorship of Georgia and the presidency.

Also included on the program will be Christian entertainer Grady Nutt, recording artist Ken Medema and the musical group "Trinity."



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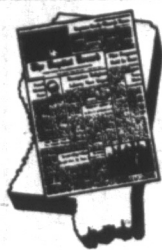
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## Youth Congress Held In Bahamas

All who attended the Baptist Youth Congress held in August, 1976, declared it to be more interesting and

young people work and could participate only at night, the night lectures were crowded.





## Just For The Record



First Church, Vernona, has broken ground for a new multipurpose life center, to be ready for use in the late fall of this year. Building Committee, left to right: Stanley Ryan, Charles Bailey, Jimmy Johnson, Ted Johnson, Wayne Farrar, Joe Shuffield, and Ray Glover.

Homecoming day at Sunshine Church, Rankin County, on October 17 will feature a morning sermon by the pastor, Rev. Mike Willoughby, and an afternoon message by a former pastor, Rev. Shalley Vaughn. Tommy Smith, minister of music and youth, says there will be special music in the afternoon following dinner on the ground. There will be no night service.

Gooden Lake Church, Belzoni, will have homecoming day on October 17, with services beginning at 10 a.m. Speakers will be former members of Gooden Lake who are now in church-related vocations. Dinner will be served at the church; there will be singing in the afternoon. Rev. Billy Canoy is the new pastor.

Oak Grove Church, River Road, Neshoba County, has announced that homecoming and memorial services will be held at the church October 17. Dr. Levon Moore, director of missions, Attala County, will be guest speaker at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. A brief memorial service will be held on the cemetery lawn at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Leonard Holloway is the pastor.

### First, Greenville Begins Chapel, Family Life Center

On September 12, members of First Church, Greenville, assembled on a vacant lot adjacent to the sanctuary for a ceremony of ground breaking for their new \$1,050,000 addition to the present building. Pictured are the Rev. Barry Landrum, pastor; Harry Vickery, Building Committee chairman; and Harold Peoples, deacon chairman. Also participating in the event were fourteen former deacon chairmen and all the present building committee chairmen.

The new addition will consist of a chapel and a family life center and extensive renovation in the present building. The chapel will be built directly behind the present sanctuary and will be joined to the present building by a courtyard and covered walkways. The Family Life Center includes a gymnasium, game room, activities rooms, and dining facilities and will be joined to the educational unit at the rear of the present building by covered walkways and will have entrances

Members of Briarwood near Meridian will celebrate their church's seventh anniversary on October 17. Lunch will be served at the church. Guests for the afternoon song service will be Arlos and Barbara Nichols and Benny Egler. The church recently celebrated their freedom from debt. All buildings and property, valued at \$100,000, have been completely paid for. The Rev. T. J. Wood is pastor.

Homecoming will be observed at New Hope Church (Leake) on November 7. Following Sunday school and the morning worship service dinner on the ground will be served. At 1 p.m. "The Lawmen" from Laurel will appear in an old-fashioned gospel singing. During intermission of the singing, present and former members of the church who were members fifty years ago will present "Fifty Years of Memories At New Hope." The church, founded in 1858 and reorganized in 1871 following the War Between the States, is currently celebrating its fiftieth year in the present church building. Those present who have not visited the pastorium, completed on June 1 of this year, will be invited to do so immediately following the gospel singing. Jimmy Young is the pastor at New Hope.



from two streets.

Greenville Lumber Company, the contractor for the addition, will begin work immediately and work should be completed in approximately eighteen months.

### First Church, Pascagoula, Observes Deaf Awareness Week

Members of the signing choir of First Church, Pascagoula, presented special music as part of the observance of Deaf Awareness Week.

The choir, composed of deaf and hearing members of the church, is directed by Mrs. Rachael Patterson, interpreter and leader of the deaf ministry at the church. Marc Beaver, minister of music, sang the special music as the choir interpreted.

T. H. Barron, who is the first deaf member to be elected a deacon of the church, was "deacon of the week" and

led the morning prayer. Rev. Rodney Webb of Jackson, director of language missions for Mississippi Baptists, led activities as the church observed Deaf Awareness Week Sept. 19-25.

Rev. Webb conducted workshops for interpreters and beginning sign language students. He also preached and signed at the Sunday evening worship service.

A special feature of the week was the movie "Moses," which included interpretation by Louie Fant.



THE JESUS SIGN — Members of the signing choir of First Church, Pascagoula, give the sign for Jesus as they present a special number at a service kicking off Deaf Awareness Week.

Pheba Church of Pheba, Clay County, has called the Rev. Andre Dobson as pastor. Rev. Dobson is a student at Blue Mountain College. He previously served as youth minister at Southside Church in Aberdeen and was interim pastor at Pheba for about three months before being called as pastor.

He was ordained at Southside Church on September 19, 1976 with Dr. James Travis, Professor of New Testament at Blue Mountain, preaching the ordination sermon.

### McInnis Completes 25th Year As Hattiesburg City Pastor

The Rev. Garland McInnis in September observed his 25th anniversary as city pastor in the Hattiesburg-Petal area. In September 1951 he got 20 men and women to underwrite his salary. Only one, George B. Denham, still survives. His work is still being carried on with financial help from friends and relatives of the 20 original undersigners as well as from numerous other area residents.

One of the greatest by-products of his work, according to Rev. McInnis, was the organization of Southside Church on Bernice Ave. in 1972. Rev. McInnis served as its pastor for 19 1/2 years, retiring in 1971 due to illness. The city pastor operated the Storehouse for the Needy for 20 years and was head of the Christmas Basket activities in Hattiesburg for 27 years. He directed a drive to secure funds for building River Avenue Church which he pastored for six years.

Other activities which he carries on are visitation of local jails, officiating in funerals and weddings and serving as secretary and reporter for two local ministerial associations.

### SBC President Plans To Visit Mississippi College

Dr. James L. Sullivan, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be a special guest at the annual coffee for the Library Associates of Mississippi College on Homecoming Day, Oct. 23, according to Dr. Sarah Rouse, president of the Associates.

All members of the Library Associates and other friends of the library are invited to attend the coffee, which will be held in the lobby of the Leland Speed Library from 3:30 to 4:30 on that Saturday afternoon.

Although not an autograph party as such, J. B. Howell, college librarian, states that copies of Dr. Sullivan's recent book, *God Is My Record*, will be available during the coffee hour and that he will sign copies upon request.

Sullivan, a 1932 graduate of Mississippi College, served as president of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville from 1963 to 1975. In June of 1976, he was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Library Associates is a friends of the library group, which was organized in November of 1975. Among the more than 200 charter members are alumni whose addresses range from West Roxbury, Mass., to Anchorage, Alaska.

### 1st, Hattiesburg Plans October 29 Puppet Seminar

A seminar on the use and usefulness of professional-quality puppets as effective learning tools will be held at First Church, Hattiesburg, on Friday, October 29, from 6:30-10 p.m.

The three and one-half hour training session will be conducted by professionals from Puppet Productions, Inc., A San Diego, California firm which trained over 10,000 persons in nationwide seminars last year.

Video tape and film segments, and live demonstrations will provide firsthand visual lessons on the production of professional-quality puppet shows.

Seminar sizes are limited to insure adequate personal attention so early registration is recommended. Individual registration fees are \$10 with reduced rates for groups available. The First Baptist Church is located at 510 W. Pine Street. For additional information, contact John Crane at (601) 582-1518.

### First Faith (Panola)

## "Advance In Mississippi"—Update

First Faith Church, Panola County, observed the ordinance of baptism for the first time Sunday afternoon, September 19. The setting was Davis Pocket on Sardis Lake. As Pastor Wesley Nicholass led the four candidates into the water, boat motors were stilled; campers and visitors gathered close by as the new church witnessed an impressive baptismal ceremony.

First Faith Church was one of the churches featured in the "Missions Advance in Mississippi" filmstrip. "The 49 members of First Faith Baptist Church are thankful Mississippi Baptists," states the pastor.

First Faith members moved into their new building August 15, and dedicated it to the Lord. More than 100 were present. Rev. Jack Ginn preached the dedication sermon. Doyard Russell read the church history. Rev. G. E. Jolley, Panola director of missions, led in dedicatory

prayer.

The church experienced revival during the week that followed, with six professions of faith and 10 joining by letter. Rev. Wesley Nicholass, pastor, preached. Mr. and Mrs. Don Waller led the music. One young man, Malcolm Pinion, surrendered to preach and has since been licensed by his home church. He is busy supplying.

Because of incomplete building, Vacation Bible School was held in a mobile home and in an unfinished 14' x 36' addition. Classes overflowed into

the yard. There was an average attendance of 50, with a mission offering of \$31.56.

The WMU of First Faith set a state missions goal of \$100. There was honest doubt as to whether it could be reached. The church had just "gotten together" \$5000 for a down payment on their building and several hundred had been given on building materials for the pastor's living quarters. At the end of September, a total of \$115.05 had been given to the Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering.

### Devotional

## Voice From The Great Speckled Box

By James W. Duke, Pastor, First, Shelby

II Corinthians 9:6-7: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully... God loves a cheerful giver."



Every year in our church we set aside one service to listen to the voices of the tithers and the tight-wads. We usually bring out the gray speckled card file box containing the records of our members' offerings during the year. This little box contains a card for each member with a record of all the faith he's mustered and all the money he's given through God's local storehouse. We then place that ugly gray card file box on the beautiful communion table, open it carefully, explain its use; and then with ears attune, we just let that "Great Speckled Box" speak to our hearts. You see, money does have a voice. To the materialist it cries, "More, more," to the miser it whispers, "Hoard, hoard," and to the Master's men and women it proclaims, "Give, and it shall be given unto you." You can't outgive God!

Always the first voice from the box is that of empty space. So much room, so few cards, and so many with no voice at all. Who are these folks with no cards? They are those out in the highways and hedges that we were instructed to go out and bring in. They're there waiting still for us to come with a pleasing and pressing invitation to come plant in God's vineyard.

Joining these voices from the void and vacant spaces are voices from the cards that are marked, "Now and Then." These cards belong to the Royal Elect members of the family of God. These off and on, and now and then givers are heaven bound, twice born, book of life registered, children of God, or at least they say they are. Perhaps they have been "fooled" and someone has told them that God's storehouse is anywhere and everywhere they desire to send their tithe. Or maybe they are foolish enough to think that for the Christian who's unfaithful there is no day of accounting!

Another voice joining this off-key chorus of poor stewards is that of the "Part Time Patriarchs." These know that there is a day of accounting and they render God's part faithfully, that is, except during vacation, or at Christmas time, or during tax time, or off to college time. Thank goodness there are some cards in this box that loudly and clearly say, "Take My Life and Let It Be." Sunshine and shadows crossed their paths, but through it all they believed God, and in faith brought the tithes into the storehouse. These make up a cliché who run for the church. It's their dependability, faithful planting, and generous and consistent giving that put missionaries on the field, food in the pastor's home, and gas in his car.

Truly God loves a cheerful giver and his fields shall surely bear bountifully. Join God's Plant To Prosper people this year and be a voice from a field planted well; so that your card can say one year from now, "Not a mite did I withhold."

## Revival Dates

Lakeview Church, Leland: Oct. 17-22; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Walter W. Mihlfeld, Carbondale, Ill., evangelist; Gene Greene, Southside Church, Greenville, singer; Rev. Charles Everett, pastor.

Raymond Church: October 17-22; R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City to lead; special music under direction of Bob Shuttleworth, minister of music for Raymond Church; Sam Mason, pastor.

## FAMILY PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR SUPPORT OF MISSIONS

### During Cooperative Program Month in October

Families praying together can give immeasurable support to all areas of ministry and missions. Prayer is a vital part of the Christian life style.

Keep this handy as a prayer reminder. Read aloud the prayer suggestions for each day in the week. Ask family members to mention other matters of prayer. Pray together for the people and ministries suggested.

#### Sunday, October 24

Support of Christian ministries must begin with the individual and the family. Discuss the ministries you are already involved in. Name other areas in which you could be of service. Decide how your family can best minister where you are. Remember the importance of financial support which you can provide. Pray—that each family member will better understand the need for his individual support and will commit himself anew to the task of sharing Jesus Christ with the world both personally and financially.

#### Monday, October 25

Jesus established the church to be his ministering agent here on earth. Church staff members and elected leaders bear a heavy responsibility as they seek to understand God's will in leading the church to perform ministries. Your church budget reflects the church's commitment to these ministries. Pray—for your church staff members by name, for the elected leaders in your church, for the church members to be faithful in support of church ministries.

#### Tuesday, October 26

Mission activities beyond the local church begin with the association. This fellowship of churches strengthens the ministries of all and enables each to share proportionately in personal and financial support. Pray—for your associational director of missions and other staff members by name, for the elected associational leadership, for your church to invest in the bold mission thrust that would be possible through an increase in personal and financial support.

#### Wednesday, October 27

Your state convention is one of 33 state Baptist conventions. Its ministries are supported through the Cooperative Program. As your church gives a percentage of its budget through the Cooperative Program, you are having a daily part in all of the ministries within your state convention. Think about it! Every day you share in training leaders in Sunday School work, Church Training ministries, evangelism, missions, and countless other mission areas. Pray—for your state executive secretary and the other leaders in your state Baptist convention office, for the ministries being performed, for those within your state who are being ministered to through your Cooperative Program support and prayer support.

#### Thursday, October 28

Ministering to students is another area of work supported through the Cooperative Program in your state convention. This is true both on the campuses of our Baptist colleges and through Baptist Student Unions on other campuses. The lives of countless young people may be guided into areas of Christian service during these formative years through this ministry. Pray—for these and other ministries supported through your Cooperative Program gifts to your state convention; for the churches in your state to increase financial support.

#### Friday, October 29

Our 33 state conventions join together to form the Southern Baptist Convention. Again this enables us to reach out together as we could not possibly do alone. The ministries of our Home Mission Board are supported through your Cooperative Program gifts. One of our approximately 2,300 home missionaries is Job Maldonado who lives in Denver, Colorado, and works among Spanish-speaking people. Pray—for the leadership of our Home Mission Board; for Job Maldonado, and our other home missionaries.

#### Saturday, October 30

Troy and Marjorie Bennett are two of our missionaries in the troubled land of Bangladesh. The Bennetts represent 2,500 missionaries appointed overseas by our Foreign Mission Board. We support their ministries as we vote each year to increase the percentage of our church budget for Cooperative Program causes. Pray—for Troy and Marjorie Bennett and our other foreign missionaries, for those to whom we are ministering; for the leadership of our Foreign Mission Board.

#### Sunday, October 31

Today is Church Commitment Day through the Southern Baptist Convention. Churches will be making a specific commitment to the financial support of missions around the world through the church budget. Missions, Christian education, leadership training, evangelism, and countless other ministries in your own church, association, state convention, and throughout the world depend upon your prayers and financial support. Pray—that your church will catch a vision of bold thrust in mission support; for your church to increase giving for the associational mission program and through the Cooperative Program.

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